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DOD SPONSORED TRAINING

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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO SECDEF QUERY KEYED
TO LETTERED PARAGRAPHS REFTEL 1.

A. ON BASIS SECTION 617 FAA WHICH, WITHIN LIMITATIONS,
PERMITS CONTINUED FUNDING FOR PURPOSE OF WINDING UP MAP
AND OTHER FAA PROGRAMS, CAMBODIAN MAP TRAINING ACTIVITIES
MAY BE CONTINUED FOR TIME BEING.

B. ONCE TRAINING TERMINATED, ALLOCATED FUNDS MAY BE
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NORMALLY USED TO RETURN TRAINEE TO NEAREST POINT TO

CAMBODIA IF HE WISHES. ALTERNATIVELY, IF TRAINEE WISHES
REMAIN IN US OR IN THIRD COUNTRY AFTER TERMINATION OF
TRAINING, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS STATUTORY AUTHORITY
FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF STUDENTS WITH MAP FUNDS.

C. IF STUDENT DECIDES REMAIN IN US, HE SHOULD CONTACT
NEAREST OFFICE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND
ALSO VOLUNTARY AGENCY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY CARE AND
MAINTENANCE. AT THIS POINT, DOD FUNDING CAN CEASE AND
STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF VOLUNTARY AGENCY.
AGENCY, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO REIMBURSE DOD
FOR PRIOR EXPENSES.

D. AS STATED IN B ABOVE AND IN PARA 2B OF REFTEL 2,
TRAINEE REQUESTS FOR RETURN NEAREST POINT TO CAMBODIA
SHOULD BE HONORED AND EXPEDITED.

E. TRAINEES WHO REQUEST THEIR DEPENDENTS JOIN THEM IN
US SHOULD BE TOLD THAT USG WORKING ON PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE
ASYLUM IN US FOR CAMBODIANS NOW IN THIRD COUNTRIES. IF
DEPENDENTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES NEED FUNDS WHICH TRAINEES
HERE CANNOT SUPPLY, DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
APPLY TO OFFICES IN THIRD COUNTRIES OF UN HIGH COMMISSION
FOR REFUGEES, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN
MIGRATION, AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. AS FOR DEPENDENTS
STILL IN CAMBODIA, THERE APPARENTLY LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF
GETTING THEM OUT AT PRESENT. KISSINGER

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